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## The Awakening for Aries | **PURCHASE HERE** **Your Dance With Destiny**

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**E**VEN THOUGH I've been doing your astrology in this format for nearly 30 years, the idea of writing for Aries with so much developing in your sign is a little daunting. We are all about to experience astrology that has no precedent — going back more than 2,000 years — and it shows up right in your part of the sky.

I'll be proceeding with care, and taking a circumspect approach. We will be looking around the edges and studying the transition zones, checking for ideas that help complete the picture in a number of different directions. Astrology tells the same story in many ways. It's always the story of change,

or it seems to be. As Paul Simon wrote in the (alternative) lyrics to The Boxer, "After changes upon changes / We are more or less the same."

You will have many options for what you want to alter in your life. However, you have to see those for what they are; any time you're confronted with only one choice, that's your cue to create more options, to find them, to uncover them: to see your own potential. Under the influence of extraordinary astrology, it's essential that you take up your full creative and self-creative power. This will ease the sensation of fate and welcome the gentler experience of dancing with destiny.

I'll get into the two major factors in your sign in a moment, though first, bear in mind that one of them has been developing for years, and the other one will tease its way in between the spring of 2025 and the spring of 2026. You will be given many different kinds of notice that movement is imminent.

Here is what I suggest: at all times, know what you want. Make some decisions in advance, in the form of: "If I ever get the chance to go to Iceland, I'm going." This way, if you are suddenly presented with the option, you will have your mind made up. You might think of this as a wish list, though the main items would ideally pertain to who you want to be, and how you want to live.

When the options open up, it will feel like a pressure release and fog clearing. You may find yourself asking how you lived with so much uncertainty for so long. And at the same time, you may wonder what the heck to do with so much creative power. The probable answer to that is: use it judiciously.

Experiment, test out the possibilities, and figure out what you want. And if you've wanted something for a long time, admit that much to yourself and commit to receiving it if you suddenly have the option in front of you. Know when to seize the day.

## **Introduction to Chiron Conjunct Eris**

Let's consider one event in your sign, one that's been developing more consciously for you, as it's already taking shape in Aries. Chiron and Eris are about to form a series of three conjunctions, which alone would be enough to shape the world, and people's responses to existence, and alter the course of your life.

The conjunction will reveal what has become of humanity under overwhelming digital conditions. And it will tell you a lot about your potential if you let go of some of those negative impacts and claim your inner being — your true self.

I would contend that we've never needed such focused, potent astrology more than right now. And if you are willing to live your life with full awareness, this development will work out very well for you.

This combination of factors, Chiron + Eris + Aries, also present in the 1970s, can be entirely attributed to the political and social upheavals of that particular era — though the digital factor changes nearly everything. We are different people today.

Though we may forget, people were doing plenty of growing up fast in the early 1970s: the list of breakthroughs in approaches to personal growth, therapy, intentional community and human potential was impressive. For many it was wholly sincere.

There was a reckoning with Vietnam, and with war generally, driven by the incredible grief and loss of that episode of history. There was the sense that we must act on these problems now.

But this was also the era where identity politics was born, which is the 'fake it till you make it' substitute for commitment and maturity. Themes of the 1970s also included tribalism and separatism — including declaring one's little group an island apart from humanity. We still live with this legacy today. The politics of the 1960s (Uranus-Pluto in Virgo, Chiron in Pisces) were profoundly different than those of the 1970s (Uranus and Pluto in Libra; Chiron-Eris in Aries).

Chiron-Eris is one of those rare mass collective aspects that reaches nearly all people personally, on a deep level, compelling individual reckoning with one's sense of being and place in society. Due to the involvement of the Aries Point, the spot where the individual and collective merge, the effect is magnified.

Few aspects could provoke the question "who am I?" with more gravitas. And it's headed our way and especially your way, sustaining its influence through 2026. For those around the age of 50 (say, 48 through 52 years old) the effects will be manifold. You are in the midst of your Chiron return — a special topic that I will handle in another reading.

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